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1. A new artillery camp and target range was set up three km southeast of Városlőd during 1953. It is in the Usthegy forest, near hill 537, ending at the third-class road Urkut-Szentgál. Not all the buildings are complete, but four one-story brick buildings for offices and officers' quarters and four one-story magazines were ready during the current year.
2. About 5,500 artillerists were in the camp during the summer. Among these were an artillery regiment from Keszthely, an artillery regiment from Győr and an artillery section from Polgárdi. The Győr unit had 1,400 to 1,450 men, including reservists called up for refresher training.
3. The men were housed in tents across a wide area. There was no barbed wire, but day and night patrols prevented all entry.
4. Near the camp was a target range, also closely guarded. Peasants were not allowed to work their fields when firing was taking place.
5. Tests of new guns were made. There were also exercises in firing on fixed targets, concentrations of fire and battle practice, including continual movement between shoots.

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